

Town of Eastham

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PRESS RELEASE – LEARY FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

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EASTHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FROM LEARY FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION FOR NEW ATV

Eastham, MA. (December 4, 2015) – The Eastham Fire Department is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Leary Firefighters Foundation Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program for the purchase of a new All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) to respond to fire/medical emergencies in remote areas in and around Eastham.

The Leary Firefighters Foundation will fund the purchase a new All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) to respond to fire and medical emergencies in remote areas in and around Eastham's response area. The proposed replacement would be a 6x6 Polaris ATV, equipped with emergency and scene lighting, portable radios, and medical equipment. The vehicle would also be equipped with a slide-in patient transport/firefighting module, manufactured by Kimtek Research Inc. of Orleans, VT.

Eastham Fire Chief Kent Farrenkopf stated, "By receiving this valuable resource, the Eastham Fire Department will be able to more effectively deliver emergency services to our taxpayers and visitors. We are very grateful to the Leary Firefighters Foundation for the award. We will always remember the sacrifices made by our brothers and sisters."

"We're thrilled to be able to provide the Eastham Fire Department with this new all-terrain vehicle and equipment to better serve Eastham and the surrounding Cape Cod towns," said Denis Leary, President of the Leary Firefighters Foundation.

The new vehicle is planned to go in service soon over the next few weeks following department training.

For more information on the new equipment, please contact the Eastham Fire Department at (508) 255-2324.

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About the Eastham Fire Department

The Eastham Fire Department was established in 1946 to better serve the year-round and seasonal residents of the town of Eastham. The Town of Eastham is comprised of 25.7 square miles, and includes critical infrastructure such as a major state highway, a National Seashore, as well as waterways and harbors. Approximately one-quarter of the town has remote access, including the Cape Cod National Seashore and Cape Cod Rail Trail. Emergencies that occur in these areas are not readily accessible by traditional fire or rescue apparatus and typically require more manpower, extended extrication times, and increase the potential for responder injury.

About the Leary Firefighters Foundation

The Leary Firefighters Foundation was established in 2000 by actor Denis Leary in response to a tragic fire in Worcester, Massachusetts that claimed the lives of Denis' cousin, a childhood friend, and four other firefighters. The Leary Firefighters Foundation's mission is to provide funding and resources for fire departments to acquire the best available equipment, technology and training necessary for the health and safety of firefighters and in turn, the public they serve. For more information, visit www.learyfirefighters.org.